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The Door of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

10 April 1979

Dear Dr. Tarson,

Thank you for your letter of March 28th. Regretfully, I am still unable to say with any certainty whether I will be able to deliver the Commencement Address in July. Therefore, I must reluctantly decline your gracious offer.

My apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused to you and National University. I wish it could have been otherwise.

I am indeed honored that the Board of Trustees has considered me for such prestigious recognition.

Yours sincerely

STANSFIELD TURNER

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March 28, 1979

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

I am taking the liberty of enclosing copies of our correspondence last September regarding our invitation for you to be the Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctorate Degree Recipient at our Graduation Exercises on July 22nd. We are presently in the process of finalizing our program preparatory to going to press.

Following through with your tentative acceptance, I would like to inquire whether your schedule is now sufficiently clear so that you are in a position to confirm the above date.

May I assure you that we are, as always, highly appreciative of your valued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Tarson

Vice President for Academic Affairs

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